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JOCKEY FRANCISCO LEANDRO FERNANDES GONÇALVES INVITED TO THE INTERNATIONAL JOCKEYS CHAMPIONSHIP IN JAPAN



Brazilian jockey based in Argentina, Francisco Leandro Fernandes Gonçalves, has been invited this year to participate in the international championship World All-Star Jockeys, which will take place at the Sapporo Racecourse in Japan on August 23 and 24, 2025.

Although over the years other South American jockeys have competed in Asian races, this is the first time a jockey will participate on behalf of South America in the horse racing event where Japan's most important races are held.

The invitation extended to Leandro Gonçalves has been made possible thanks to the agreement between OSAF and the Japan Racing Association (JRA) and especially thanks to the efforts carried out by Mr. Horacio Espósito, Vice Chairman of IFHA and OSAF Advisor on International Affairs.



ABOUT THE WORLD ALL-STAR JOCKEYS

The World All-Star Jockeys (WASJ) is an international event launched by the Japan Racing Association. Initially established in 1987 under the name "the World Super Jockeys Series," it has welcomed more than 250 top-caliber jockeys from Europe, North America, South America, Oceania and Asia.

The World All-Star Jockeys event is more than just a race; it is a celebration of global equestrian talent. Organized by the Japan Racing Association (JRA), this annual event invites top jockeys from various countries to compete in individual races and team challenges. Last year's edition saw an impressive turnout and thrilling races that captivated spectators both live and through broadcasts.

The competitive field is diverse, featuring a total of 14 jockeys: seven foreign jockeys and seven locals from the JRA. This mix guarantees high-stakes competition, as riders will not only race for individual glory but will also compete in teams, adding another layer of strategy and excitement.

Foreign Jockeys, Known for their experience and distinct styles, bring an international flair to the event. Local Jockeys representing the JRA aim to showcase their skills and home advantage against formidable opponents.